National Archives of India: Information has been gathered from twelve leading newspapers from all over India regarding the microfilming of their issues. However, for the time being, for want of adequate capacity the Department is unable to undertake any large scale microfilming of newspapers. This will have to await the expansion of reprograhic facilities in the Department for which proposals have been formulated and are under consideration of the Government.

V. **Resolutions of the 44th Session held at Bikaner, 21-22 February, 1976**

Resolution II: To enable the people to appreciate the historical background of our contemporary national efforts towards a new system of land relations, the National Archives, the different State Archives, and the Universities and Learned Institutions are requested to bring out monographs on relevant subjects, particularly to indicate the evolving pattern of land rights, together with specimens of the different land records at the village level in different parts of the country at different times. The Standing Committee of the Commission is requested to work out a phased programme and to coordinate the countrywide effort.

National Archives of India: The resolution was placed before the Standing Committee at its Seventh Meeting held on 28th November, 1977. The Committee discussed at length the resolution and was of the view that the Universities and Learned Institutions be strongly urged to undertake such publications in cooperation with the National Archives of India/State Archives as they possess the requisite expertise.

Resolution III: Resolved that on behalf of the Indian Historical Records Commission, circulars in the form of appeals be sent to political leaders and men of eminence in different walks of life to preserve their private, demi-official or official correspondence for the benefit of the future.

National Archives of India: Approximately 450 demi-official letters from the Director of Archives on behalf of the Union Minister for Education, Social Welfare and Culture, Government of India, have been issued to various political leaders and men of eminence in different walks of life.

Resolution IV: Keeping in view the great importance of the records extant in different Indian languages and in Persian, the Commission recommends the publication of selections from these records in **extenso,** with translations, annotations and critical introductions, for the convenience of scholars not familiar with the old languages and scripts in question. The Standing Committee of the Commission is requested to coordinate the programme and to indicate priorities.

National Archives of India: The National Archives of India has a comprehensive programme of publication of records in Persian and different Indian Languages. It is, therefore, not in a position to undertake new programme in view of paucity of qualified staff well versed in these languages and scripts. As far as teaching of Persian and the different Indian languages is concerned the National Archives of India is of the view that the purpose would better be served if some incentive in the form of increment or special language pay is given to those who privately acquire proficiency in such languages and scripts.

Circular letters were issued to all the State Archives/Universities/ Learned Institutions, requesting them to draw up a programme for publications of selections from the records in Persian and other Indian Languages in the respective regions and suggest priorities for their publications. The State Archives of Rajasthan, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat have agreed to extend cooperation to the project. Karnataka is willing to undertake the responsibility of editing and publication of selections from records while Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Pondicherry are not in a position to undertake the project. The resolution is under consideration of Punjab, Kerala and Sikkim.

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Andhra Pradesh: The Archives has undertaken a programme to publish the Kaifiyats and Inscriptions from the Mackenzie and Brown Collections. A detailed catalogue of microfilm rolls of Mackenzie and Brown Collection giving the description of each Kaifiyat, Inscription etc., is under preparation.

Kashmir University: The work in this regard is being done by the Research and Publications wing of Jammu and Kashmir State.

Goa: The Archives is willing to extend full co-operation to the Universities in this regard. It has its own programme of publication of Marathi and Portuguese records.

Jadavpur University: The University has expressed its inability to implement the resolution due to lack of manpower and material resources.

Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar: The proposal is under consideration.

Saurashtra University, Rajkot: The University has no collection of records extant in different Indian languages and in Persian.

Sikkim: The Archives has been established recently and the resolution will be taken up in due course.

Maharaja Sayajirao Univrsity, Baroda: The University is not in a position to implement the resolution.

Assam: There is no scope to implement the resolution as the records extant in the Indian languages in the custody of the Department are negligible.

Bangalore University: The University has proposed to recommend to the State Government to create the post of a Pandith for translating Persian records in the first phase and in the second phase to create two posts of Pandiths for Modi Marathi and Modi Kanade. After making these appointments the work of translation of records would be taken up.

Resolution V : The Commission notes with regret that many Union Territories and the following States have not yet set up their State Archives Departments: (1) Assam, (2) Madhya Pradesh, (3) Meghalaya ,(4) Himachal Pradesh, (5) Manipur, (6) Tripura, (7) Sikkim and (8) Nagaland. The Commission makes an earnest request to the authorities of all these States/Union Territories to set up their Archival Departments on modern scientific lines as early as possible. The National Archives of India is requested to extend all help and cooperation in this regard.

Andaman and Nicobar : The creation of posts of one Archivist and two Assistant Archivists in the Secretariat Records Room of the Administration has been recommended in this regard.

Lakshadweep : There is no scope for establishing a separate department for Archives.

Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim and Nagaland have set up their Archives Departments.

Resolution VI: Resolved that the posts of the Director of Archives both at the Centre as well as in the States be filled up only by those who possess archival qualifications or have adequate experience of holding some responsible post in an archival repository of the country.

Andhra Pradesh : The rules of recruitment for the post of Director of Archives provide for a special study of Archives Administration including preservation by the incumbent holding the post.

Assam : The resolution has been noted for future guidance.

Resolution VIII : Resolved that an Oral History Record Office be established as a part of the National Archives whose purpose should be to record on tape and then transcribe the recollections of men who have played an important part in recent history as well as the reactions of those who have seen history made. The different State Archives should also take up this urgent work.

National Archives of India : The resolution is under consideration of the Government of India.

Haryana : The Government have adopted 'Oral History' programme.

Orissa : The resolution has been accepted by the State Government.

Jammu & Kashmir : The case is under process.

Assam : The resolution can only be implemented after the setting up of State Archives is completed.

Goa : Material for the project has been purchased and work in this regard would start in due course after obtaining requisite information.

Karnataka : The resolution has been noted and will be considered after the personnel of the Department are fully trained.

Madhya Pradesh : Action is being taken to implement the resolution and decision would be communicated in due course.

Kerala : Every effort will be made to implement the directions contained in the resolution subject to the limitations of the Department of Archives. The first step in this direction has been taken for the purchase of a good quality of tape recorder.

Sikkim : As the State Archives has been recently set up and is being organised, the resolution is under consideration of the Government.

West Bengal : The Archives functions mainly as a custodian of Government records and at present there is no scheme to extend its activities. The proposed work may be taken up by other Research Institutions/Universities of the States and copies of the tape transcription of the recollections thus recorded may be preserved in the State Archives.

Rajasthan : The question of establishing an Oral History Record Office during the current financial year is under consideration. In this connection, about 150 freedom fighters have been contacted and efforts to purchase tape recorder etc. are being made.

Gujarat : The Government is exploring the possibility of setting up of an Oral History Record Office.

Resolution IX : While congratulating the Union Minister for Education and Social Welfare, for implementing several long awaited reforms, such as the promulgation of the Archival Policy Resolution and elevation of the National Archives of India as an Attached Office of the Ministry, the Commission reiterates the urgency of constructing the proposed Annexe to the National Archives of India as quickly as possible, as without it no significant improvement in the preservation and utilisation of Archives is now possible.

National Archives of India : The Government of India have since conveyed the administrative approval and expenditure sanction amounting to Rs. 2.2 crores for construction of Phase I of the proposed annexe. The work of construction has now been entrusted to Civil Public Works Department, New Delhi.

Resolution X : The 44th Session of Indian Historical Records Commission record their sincere thanks and appreciation of the services of the Chairman and Members of the Committee, set up by the Government of India for enacting legislation on archival records of national importance, in the preparation of the Report presented before the Commission.

The Commission accept the recommendations of the Committee for enacting legislation on records of national importances,

The Commission request the Government of India to enact suitable legislation and in this context draw special attention to clauses 2.1 (a), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 15, 16, 17 and 21 of the enclosed draft bill, which may please be borne in mind in such legislative enactment.

National Archives of India : The draft bill is under consideration of the Government of India.

VI. **Resolutions of the 45th Session, Mysore, 1-2 February, 1977**

Resolution II : Resolved to reiterate the earlier resolutions that the Universities should organise Archival Cells for preserving their records on scientific lines. It is further recommended that necessary assistance may be obtained from the University Grants Commission in this behalf.

Osmania University : The proposal has been forwarded by the Head of History Department to the Registrar for favourable consideration.

Kashmir University : The resolution is receiving attention of the University authorities.

Sambalpur University : The university has already established archival cell with the assistance of the University Grants Commission.

Udaipur University : The proposal in this regard has been submitted to the University Grants Commission.

Sardar Patel University: The University Grants Commission could not extend financial support for the creation of archival cell.

Kurukshetra University : The University Grants Commission has sanctioned three posts of Archivist, Assistant Archivist and Chemist for creation of archival cell in the University.

Patiala University : The University has set up an archival cell.

Gauhati University : A proposal regarding establishing Archival Cell has been submitted to the University Grants Commission.

Karnataka University : The University is exploring the possibility of setting up of an Archival Cell.

Guru Nanak Dev University : A proposal for establishment of an Archival Cell in this University has been sent to the University Grants Commission and a grant of Rs. 1 lakh has already been allocated by the Commission for construction of building for Archival Cell.

Saurashtra University : Move for establishment of an Archival Cell in the University is on the way and a proposal has been sent to the University Grants Commission in this regard.

Dibrugarh University : Since 1973 this institution is running an Archival Cell in a very moderate form. For the effective development of